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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL DATA FOR A-4 AIRCRAFT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS AN APPLICATION FROM DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA ON THE A-4 SKYHAWK II TACTICAL STRIKE AIRCRAFT AND COMBAT TRAINERS TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF, MEXICAN AIR FORCE. IN JUNE 1977, IN RESPONSE TO MEXICAN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON A VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE A-4, PRICE AND BUDGET DATA WAS PROVIDED TO MEXICO. DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT IS FOLLOWING UP ON THAT MEXICAN REQUEST.

2. THE A-4 AS WELL AS THE F-5 AND THE A-37 ARE THE ONLY MODERN US JET COMBAT AIRCRAFT SPECIFICALLY APPROVED FOR RELEASE TO CERTAIN NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, BUT ONLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. IN FEBRUARY 1975, THE MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION REQUESTED AN ADVISORY OPINION ON SALES
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OF NEW A-4/TA-4 SKYHAWK AIRCRAFT FOR A VARIETY OF LATIN NATIONS INCLUDING MEXICO, BUT THE COMPANY WAS ADVISED THAT A CASE BY CASE REVIEW OF EACH PROPOSED SALE WOULD BE REQUIRED. PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS OF 1970 AND 1973 FOUND IT TO BE IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO OFFER FMS CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE F-5/A-4 AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA,

PERU AND VENEZUELA. A SIMILAR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL WOULD

BE REQUIRED FOR MEXICO.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS REGARDING
PROVISION OF TECHNICAL DATA ON THE A-4 SPECIFICALLY AS
WELL AS ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY CARE TO OFFER. VANCE

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